Curriculum at Catshill First School and Nursery

'Learning is fun at this school and pupils say they enjoy their learning' Ofsted May 17

Our curriculum is aspirational, inspirational and engaging. It begins with the needs of our children as a starting point. Right from Nursery to Year 4, we ensure we acknowledge children's starting points; their current knowledge, skills and experiences. Through skills based planning and teaching, staff continuously build upon this prior knowledge providing a clear progressive learning journey year on year. Our aim is to ensure children experience learning to last a lifetime - 'Long lasting learning'. We do this by keeping our school values, developing resilience, cultivating independence and a love of learning as the drivers for our curriculum. Children are taught to become independent learners, to celebrate and accept mistakes as a pivotal part of their learning journey.

For the children at Catshill, a wide range of additional opportunities are carefully and specifically planned for in order to expand and enrich their learning experiences and develop their sense of community and cultural awareness. Examples of these include inviting in visitors from a range of backgrounds to meet and talk to the children, taking the children on educational visits, sharing and celebrating children's work with parents and experience sessions such as workshops or dress-up days.

With all of this in mind, we aim for our curriculum to enable children at Catshill to become positive, resilient and enthusiastic life-long learners.

Our School Vision (written by the children of Catshill First School and Nursery May 2017)

We want Catshill First School and Nursery to be an amazing school where we welcome all new children, staff and visitors and they feel we are a friendly and safe school. All of us will care for each other, our community and our world. We will show and share our school values with everyone. We want our school to be fun when we are learning and playing. We want to always try our best and keep experiencing new exciting things that will make us learners of the future.

We believe that values make our world a better place and that we never let them go. We want our learning to be inside and outside and we want it to be co-operative, imaginative and creative. We will help everyone to make the right choices and enjoy being a healthy school where we look after each other so everyone is happy. We will celebrate our achievements and successes together!